

LITTLE BOOTY WAS SECURED IN CONSTANZA

Because Russia and Rumania Had Decided Upon the Evacuation of the Seaport Town, According to Advice Received from Bucharest

ENTENTE ALLIES WENT TO HEIGHTS TO NORTH

Petrograd Official Statement Admits Also the Fall of Medjidie in Dobrudja, Saying Defenders Were Forced to Retire "Under Hostile Pressure"

Virtually the entire Constanza-Tchernavoda railway line in Dobrudja is now in the hands of Field Marshal Von Mackensen's victorious forces, it appears from the Russian official statement, admitting the evacuation of Medjidie, approximately 20 miles inland from Constanza, the fall of which was reported yesterday. Medjidie, furthermore, is a little more than 13½ miles from Tchernavoda, where Russo-Rumanian forces are apparently preparing to make a stand at the bridgehead, protecting the town. This is the only bridge over the Danube between Belgrade and the sea which spans the river at Tchernavoda, carrying a railway line running into Bucharest. The Russo-Rumanian line now runs along the heights north of Constanza and Medjidie, according to Petrograd, the entente forces having fallen back upon these ridges after evacuating the towns.

London, Oct. 24.—According to reports from Bucharest, received at Rome and relayed by wireless, the forces of the central powers took little booty at Constanza, as the evacuation of the Dobrudja seaport had been decided upon some time ago.

Emperor William, the advice add, has sent congratulations to King Ferdinand of Bulgaria on the capture of Constanza. Petrograd, via London, Oct. 24.—The occupation of Constanza and Medjidie in Dobrudja by the forces of the central powers was announced in today's war office report. "Under hostile pressure," says the statement, "the Russian and Rumanian troops retired to the heights north of these places."

SERBIANS SCORE AGAIN IN THE CERNA REGION

After Counter-Attacks by Germans and Bulgarians, They Advanced and Captured Several Trenches.

Paris, Oct. 24.—French and German artillery forces were busy last night south of the Somme, where artillery duels raged in the Biaches-Alaincourt region. There was no infantry action along the French front in the Somme area, the war office announced today.

Three German aeroplanes were brought down in the course of 20 aerial combats in the Verdun region yesterday, during a thick mist.

Serbian troops operating in the Cerna region on the Macedonian front have won new success, according to today's announcement by the war office. A counter-attack launched by German and Bulgarian troops was stopped by Serbian artillery. The Serbians then attacked the opposing lines and captured several trenches. On the Struma front there is inactivity, the river flood interfering with the movement of the troops.

RUMANIANS ATTACKED. Captured Ten Machine Guns and Many Prisoners.

Bucharest, via London, Oct. 24.—Rumanian troops made an attack yesterday along the whole Otus front near the Transylvania-Rumanian border. The war office announced the capture of ten machine guns and several hundred prisoners.

ROW AFTER ROW OF DEAD SOLDIERS

Seen After Desperate Efforts of French and Germans to Break Through the German Lines on the Somme.

Berlin, via wireless, Oct. 24.—In an attempt to break through the German lines on the Somme front at any cost, the British and French yesterday used great numbers of troops in repeated attacks, the war office announced today. The assaults broke down with heavy losses. "The defeat of the allies was so severe," the statement says, "that all along the front the dead are lying in one row after

another." South of the Somme the French attack met with similar results. German and Austro-Hungarian forces, after a violent engagement south of Kronstadt, Transylvania, yesterday, captured Predeal, the statement says. Six hundred prisoners were taken. The capture of the Rumanian town of Rasha in Dobrudja, on the Danube below Tchernavoda, was also announced. Medjidie was also captured. The army of Field Marshal Von Mackensen took as prisoners more than 6,700 Rumanians and Russians.

BRITISH AIR VICTORY.

One Aeroplane Destroyed a German Machine and Chased Three Others.

London, Oct. 24.—A British naval aeroplane yesterday attacked four German aeroplanes over the Belgian coast, destroying one and chasing the others, according to the admiralty announcement today.

U-53 SUBMARINE REPORTED SUNK BY CANADIAN BOAT

Captain of British Steamer Arriving at Boston Tells of Persistent Rumors in Nova Scotia.

Boston, Oct. 24.—Captain Tudor of the British steamer Hecelaga, which arrived today from Louisbourg, stated that before he left Nova Scotia persistent rumors were afloat that the German submarine U-53 was sunk off Sydney by the Canadian patrol boat Stanley.

A PITCHED BATTLE.

With Seven Casualties When Sheriff Tried to Make Arrest.

Whitstone, N. Y., Oct. 24.—Paul Stier, sheriff of Queens county, was shot and killed and four policemen and a deputy sheriff wounded late yesterday by Frank Taft, a squatter near here, before Taft eventually was shot dead by Police Sergeant James Fitzgerald after a siege of an hour and a half in which policemen, deputy sheriffs and bluejackets from the United States torpedo boat at Henley tried to capture Taft.

Sheriff Stier, accompanied by a deputy and a policeman, went to Taft's shanty situated in a strip of woods to arrest him on an order by Supreme Court Justice Van Sicken for contempt of court. When the officers informed Taft of their mission he picked up a shotgun and fired at them. The sheriff dropped, and Taft mortally wounded. Mrs. Taft, who had admitted the sheriff, fled from the shanty and Taft ran to the roof armed with a rifle and a liberal supply of ammunition. Police reinforcements soon arrived and the shanty was surrounded. Taft could be seen distinctly on the roof smoking his pipe with his rifle poised for action. He fired several shots which were returned by the police and deputy sheriffs. After five men had been wounded by the squatter, Sergeant Fitzgerald obtained an automatic rifle from the torpedo boat and approaching the house ordered Taft to surrender.

Taft fired at Fitzgerald and the latter, a former United States soldier, returned the fire. Taft fell dead on the roof of the shanty.

The police said last night that Taft probably had been mentally unbalanced, due to his failure to perfect the invention of a "fin" propeller for motor boats. He wasted his money, it was said, in futile efforts to have the propeller placed on the market.

A judgment for \$900 had been obtained against Taft. This was followed by a court order to show cause in supplementary proceedings. He was fined \$250 for failing to appear and his non-appearance in court again to pay the fine led to issuance of the writ which caused the tragedies yesterday.

DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES.

Found by Autopsy on Body of Benjamin F. Dwinell.

Bellows Falls, Oct. 24.—Medical Examiner Dunsmore of Keene, N. H., came here yesterday following an autopsy on the body of Benjamin Franklin Dwinell, said to be dead of natural causes. The body was found Sunday afternoon at the foot of Mt. Kilburn in North Walpole, N. H.

Dwinell was born in Westminster 54 years ago. He leaves his mother, Mrs. Lucy Dwinell of Walpole, N. H., and three sons, Frank H. of New York City, Carlos of South Acworth, N. H., and Fred Dwinell of Rockingham.

GRADING OF MILK.

Is Only Satisfactory on Bacteriological Analysis.

Cincinnati, O., Oct. 24.—Bacteriological analysis was defended as the only satisfactory basis for the grading of milk, in an address before the laboratory section of the American Public Health association today by H. W. Conn, director of the laboratories of the Connecticut state board of health. Mr. Conn took up the various objections made by laboratory men, purchasers and dealers and gave an answer to each one by quoting the results of an extensive investigation of the subject which he had made in Connecticut.

BRITISH STEAMSHIP SUNK.

Forty-Two Hundred Ton Midland Was Destroyed.

London, Oct. 24.—The 4,200-ton British steamship Midland has been sunk. The Midland was last reported Sept. 17 at Cape Town, in the course of a voyage from Melbourne for the Canaries.

STEEL JUMPS 40 POINTS.

Stock Makes New High Record Selling Price in Wall Street Today.

New York, Oct. 24.—Bethlehem Steel rose 40 points to a new high record of \$82½ in the course of the first half hour trading today. This exceeds its previous record by 25 points.

NORTHFIELD HOTEL DESTROYED; ONE WOMAN LOST LIFE

Mrs. Emma Benjamin, a Roomer in the Building, Was Unable to Get Out, And Her Body Was Found on First Floor, Having Fallen From Third

MANY RESCUES MADE IN THRILLING MANNER

Judkins and Huntley Blocks Also Suffered, Together With Their Tenants—Northfield Firemen, After Great Effort, Stopped Fire in Upper Story of the Latter

Northfield, Oct. 24.—One life was lost and monetary damage of \$25,000 was done this morning by a fire which swept through the Northfield house, a four-story wooden structure, and damaged the upper part of the Judkins-Huntley building just adjoining. That the entire east side of the village square was not wiped out was due to the heroic efforts of the Northfield fire department, which worked from 3 o'clock until 9 before the fire was checked.

About a score of persons were in the hotel building and there were many thrilling rescues as the firemen climbed to the windows and brought imprisoned people to the ground; and several were more or less seriously hurt in reaching safety.

The Dead.

MRS. EMMA CLOUGH BENJAMIN of Northfield.

Discovery of the Fire.

The fire was discovered at 3 o'clock by James A. McMann, a clothing dealer here who resides in the hotel. His room was on the third floor. He was awakened by the crackling of flames and on looking out of the window he found that part of the building which was used as a dining room and kitchen to be a mass of flames. He hastily gathered some of his clothing and then rushed downstairs, giving the alarm as he went. The fire alarm was soon rung in and the department responded promptly.

By that time the rear of the hotel was a roaring furnace, and the firemen laid 2,100 feet of hose and used eight streams of water during the strenuous fight against the great odds. The fire, as already stated, had made a big start, and the nature of the hotel construction made the building highly inflammable. The fire spread through the entire structure most rapidly.

Clung to Window Sill By Fingers.

While some of the firemen were directing the streams of water, others put ladders against the building to rescue those who were imprisoned within. Several who had been unable to make their way down the staircase were carried down the ladders, not having time either to save any of their property. Cora Henry, who was an employee of the hotel, was overcome by the smoke and was carried down her room on the fourth story. Lawrence Burns, who lived in the hotel, had a most trying experience as he was forced to hang by his fingers from the window sill of his room on the fourth floor while the firemen were hoisting a ladder. In addition, his torture was accentuated by the fact that the window had slid down and was resting on his fingers as he clung desperately to the small board. Mr. Burns is a heavily built man, weighing in the vicinity of 250 pounds.

George S. Bennett, who was occupying a room with Sergeant B. E. McMahon, instructor of the Vermont National Guard, hurt one heel severely as he made his way down a fire escape. Others were more or less bruised in getting out.

Mrs. Benjamin's Body Badly Burned.

It was not until daylight came that the body of Mrs. Benjamin was found. She was 70 years of age. Her home was in Northfield, but she had been living in the hotel for the past six months, having fallen with the ruins of the upper part of the structure. The remains were badly burned, especially about the head and shoulders.

Those Who Were Saved.

The guests of the hotel from out of town, as taken from the register today, were: F. A. Cleveland of Hemingsford, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cleveland of Ormstown, Ia., (the party being in this vicinity with a purpose of buying a farm); Frank Colvin of Pawlet, Vt.; George S. Bennett, C. E. Kemper of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Nearly all lost most of their clothing and effects. Mr. Blake, when seen this morning, told of getting out with his coat, vest, overcoat, pajamas and trousers but had to leave his order sheets and \$25 in money.

Local people who were stopping in the hotel were Lawrence Burns, James A. McMann, W. J. Roberts, manager of the Atlantic & Pacific Tea company, Charles Pate, P. A. Rogers, L. Bisseau, Sergeant B. E. McMahon and George S. Bennett. Two other regulars in the hotel, Charles Morehouse and Ray Bellows, were out of town, the former being in Barre and the latter in St. Albans. While all suffered losses of their clothing, Mr. McMann lost most of all the boarders because he had to part with \$75 in money, two watches, \$125 in wearing apparel and the furniture in his room, he having used his own

furnishings. The hotel employees were quartered on the fourth floor, and they, too, lost all their belongings.

The lower floor front was occupied by the hotel office and the parlors of Mrs. W. S. Humphrey, optician. She carried no insurance and most of her goods were taken out into the street. In the basement front of the hotel was the barber shop of William O. Robinson, whose chief damage was by water.

How the Flames Progressed.

After the top floors of the hotel fell in the flames communicated to the three-story brick block just adjoining, one-half of which is owned by Dr. J. H. Judkins and the other by the Huntley family. The fire swept the rear of the Judkins part, wiping out the offices of Dr. Judkins and Dr. H. A. Whitney. The third floor of the Judkins section was occupied by C. M. Goodrich, dealer in electrical supplies, who had between \$500 and \$800 worth of goods, insured for \$500. His part was burned.

Just below the Goodrich apartment was the office of the Northfield Telephone Co., and there the damage chiefly was by water. The telephone service had to be suspended for some hours and during the early forenoon, Mrs. C. M. Goodrich, who was acting as operator, had to sit beneath a canopy to prevent the water from drowning her out. Her husband is the manager of the telephone company.

The first floor of the Judkins block was occupied by Ned C. Ray & Co., as a drug store. The damage there is confined to water. The progress of the fire was practically stopped in the Judkins section although there was some damage to the upper part of the Huntley building. The first floor in the latter structure was occupied by the E. Huntley Co., dealers in stationery, toys, jewelry, etc., while Mrs. Nellie Smith occupied the second floor and the third that the progress of the flames was finally stayed, but water did considerable damage in the building. The next building was the Northfield Savings bank structure, in which were also the offices of Plumley & Plumley. This building was not damaged. Mrs. Smith's goods on the second floor of the Huntley section were damaged considerably.

Daylight brought a sorry spectacle to the eyes of the people of Northfield and the adjoining towns, who had been attracted by the news of the great fire. The hotel structure was a hopeless ruin, although the front reared its stark frame as if in effort to hide the confusion and ruin in the rear. The fronts of the Judkins and Huntley sections bore little evidence of the damage but the rear part of the Judkins block was gashed by the hand of the fiery element. All the blocks joined and it was splendid work on the part of the firemen that the whole rear front of the square was not destroyed.

The Hotel Owned By St. Johnsbury Man.

The hotel was owned by Ernest M. Field of St. Johnsbury, who bought the property Sept. 25, 1915, from Fred K. Sawyer. Mr. Field was not in town at the time of the fire, the hotel being operated for him by Archie B. Dow.

Besides Mr. Dow, there were five employees in the building at the time, they being Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Sawyer, Cora Henry, Edgar Swan and Horace Bliss. Two others, Maude Sexton and Alice Marselles, had rooms outside. The hotel was built 40 years ago.

The Insurance.

The following insurance was carried:

On hotel building	\$13,400
On hotel furniture	4,900
Total on hotel	\$18,300
Judkins building	\$4,500
Judkins furniture	1,900
Ned C. Ray & Co. stock	5,000
E. Huntley Co. stock	3,200
Mrs. Nellie Smith	500
C. M. Goodrich Co.	500
Grand total	\$33,000

One serious loss was the destruction of the musical instruments of the First Vermont infantry band, the property having been stored in the hotel by the leader, Frank Dunham, at the orders of the county jail at Montpelier by Chief Donahue.

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MORE CASES FOUND.

Two of Poliomylitis Were Located in Burlington Yesterday.

Burlington, Oct. 24.—Two new cases of poliomylitis were found in this city by Health Officer Dr. F. J. Ennis yesterday, making in all three cases in Burlington. It is also thought by local health officials that there has been another case in the city, which was discovered yesterday in the family where a child is now ill with the disease.

H. James Bray, truant officer, while looking up truants in the north part of the city yesterday morning, came upon a child playing upon the street whom he thought should be in school. He went into the house where she lived at 88 First street to inquire why she was not in school and met the mother, Mrs. Meddie Dubriel. Mrs. Dubriel explained that her children were not in school because they were ill. She has three daughters, aged ten and six years and one 27 months. She told the truant officer that they had been ill and that she had not ascertained what was the trouble with them. A physician had been called. She also stated that the baby lost the use of her limbs and showed the child to Mr. Bray. Mr. Bray, suspecting poliomylitis, told the woman to keep her children indoors and communicated with the health officer, who, after visiting the children, diagnosed the disease as poliomylitis. It is also thought that one of the girls has had the disease. Mr. and Mrs. Dubriel and their children moved to this city from Brigham hill, which is about six miles from Essex, about two weeks ago, and it is very probable that infection was had at Essex, where there has been a case of infantile paralysis.

The other case reported yesterday is that of Margaretta E. Skelley, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Skelley of 384 St. Paul street. This case was reported by Dr. O. N. Eastman, who was called yesterday morning after the child had been ailing a few days. There is paralysis in the right leg and Dr. Eastman's diagnosis was confirmed by the diagnosis of Dr. Ennis, who also visited this case. This family lives in a block at the corner of Marble avenue on St. Paul street and there is another child in the family, a boy, aged six years. The Skelleys moved to this city recently from Alburg.

All of the cases found so far have been those of children who have recently come to Burlington with the exception of the Webster child, whom the authorities feel certain was infected during the recent teachers' convention in this city. No connection between the three cases, which have appeared in three separate places in the city, can be traced.

AVIATOR DROWNED AFTER 100-FOOT FALL

Alexander Brown, Widely Known Polo Player, Landed in Delaware River After Starting on Last Flight to Secure License.

Philadelphia, Oct. 24.—Alexander Brown, a widely known polo player, fell with an aeroplane into the Delaware river at Esington, below this city, today and was drowned.

Brown was making his last flight in a test for a license. He was about 100 feet up when the watchers noticed that something was wrong. A moment later the machine dropped into the river.

INTERESTING INSTALLATION

Was Conducted by Harmon Review Last Evening.

The installation of officers in Harmon review, No. 1, W. B. A. O. T. M., was held last evening in Knights of Pythias' hall, it being one of the largest and most successful meetings held by the local lodge in a long time. All members were allowed to invite one person outside of the lodge, while members of various lodges about the state were in attendance, among them being the Montpelier commander and a large number of the members of Capital review, No. 8; Commander Ella Hodges of Burlington review, No. 6, with a good delegation of the members of that lodge, attended the ceremonies.

The officers installed were as follows: Commander, Eliza Carroll; lieutenant commander, Florence Veale; P. C., Nellie S. Roben; recorder, keeper, Violet Scott; chaplain, Lillian Kearney; finance, Audley Allen; sergeant, Ella Labell; lady-at-arms, Alice V. Beckley; sentinel, Delia Fulson; picket, Jane Ross; captain of the guards, Gladys Perkins; color bearers, Susan Carroll, Elizabeth Brock; installing officer, Eva J. Perkins was assisted by Lady of Ceremonies Margaret Carroll, Chaplain Coral M. Wilkinson and Musician Ida Russell.

After the installation of the officers a program was given by the ladies of the review, which consisted of a few choice selections. The opening number was a piano duet by Ethel Lunn and Beatrice Moore and was followed by a vocal solo by Mrs. Grace Cutler, a reading by Miss Edith Watson, whistling solo, Miss Alice V. Beckley, vocal solo, Miss Katherine Young, and the final was a duet by Beatrice Papin and Rachael Cutler. After the ceremonies and program were completed the ladies formed a line which was led by the guards and marched to the supper room, where they were seated to a banquet, the women numbering about 150.

Those in charge of the supper were Mrs. Susan Carroll, Jessie Lunn and members of the committee. The rooms were beautifully decorated with the colors of the association, the decorations showing a great deal of pains taken by the women in their efforts.

LOCKLIN IN COUNTY JAIL.

Failed to Get \$3,000 After Being Bound Over.

Northfield, Oct. 24.—Arthur W. Locklin was bound over to county court under \$3,000 bail by Justice J. M. Bullock yesterday afternoon after a hearing on the charge of larceny.

An application has been made to probate court to remove Locklin as administrator of the estate of John A. Locklin, his father. When he was arrested at the railroad station Friday \$2,183 in currency was found tied around his waist. A check for \$2,200 for sale of bank stock owned by the estate was cashed by him at a Northfield bank. Locklin, who failed to get \$75 in money, two watches, \$125 in wearing apparel, was taken to the county jail at Montpelier by Chief Donahue.

WATERBURY YOUTH WAS RUN OVER

Harold Woodward, Aged 15, Was Struck By Car Driven by Harry Patch of Barre Yesterday Afternoon.

Waterbury, Oct. 24.—Harold Woodward, aged 15 years, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Warner Woodward, was struck by an automobile driven by Harry Patch of Barre and run over by one wheel of the vehicle on the road between this village and the Center yesterday afternoon. No bones were broken and although the boy is so lame that he cannot turn over in bed it is thought that he will recover.

The boy was returning home from school and jumped from a team to take a side road at the old tannery bridge when the Patch car came along. The machine was running slowly and no blame is attached to the driver. The boy started across the road and was struck by the car and thrown under a forward wheel. He was hauled out from between the wheels and carried by Mr. Patch to the Woodward home, where his injuries were attended by Dr. G. S. Bidwell.

Dr. Bidwell states that he could find no broken bones and he is in hopes that the boy will get along without any serious consequences.

RIVIAT-BANNISTER.

Barre Man and Williamstown Woman Married To-day.

William J. Riviat of this city and Florence M. Bannister of Williamstown were married at St. Monica's church this morning by Rev. P. M. McKenna, in the presence of immediate relatives and friends. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burke, friends of the bride and groom. There was a large gathering of friends at the ceremony and the young couple received the heartiest of congratulations for their future life.

The bride wore a traveling suit of blue, trimmed with fur, with hat to match. The matron of honor was also attired in a blue suit, with white hat. Mr. and Mrs. Riviat left immediately for Michigan and upon their return will reside at 20 Church street, Barre. They received many beautiful gifts, including linen, cut glass and silver.

The groom is the son of Jule Riviat of Weybridge and has spent most of his life in Barre, where he is employed as engineer on the M. & W. R. R. The bride is a daughter of Orrin Bannister of Williamstown and has been employed in Barre for the last two years.

Among those from out of town to attend the wedding were: Mrs. Charles Roagan, Mrs. Frank Chandler, Miss Lizzie Prescott of Montpelier; Orrin Bannister and Mrs. Lee Whitney of Williamstown; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Riviat of Middlebury and Jule Riviat of Weybridge.

THORNTON BOUND OVER.

Grantham, N. H., Man Arrested in Barre on Robbery Charge.

Court findings in the case of State vs. Wilbur Thornton of Grantham, N. H., charged with assault and robbery on the person of John Collett in Depot square Friday night, were for holding the respondent for county court at a hearing before Magistrate H. W. Scott last evening. J. Ward Carver, counsel assigned by the state, appeared for Thornton, and when the state rested, after introducing the testimony of Collett and Deputy Chief Harry Gamble, he announced that the defense would not use any evidence.

Thornton was bound over to the present term of Washington county court in the sum of \$1,000. He was unable to furnish bail and an officer accompanied him back to the county jail last evening. It is expected that he will be tried next week. Grand Juror William Wisart represented the state at the preliminary hearing and the state's attorney will prosecute in county court.

With witnesses called and a jury empaneled for service yesterday afternoon, counsel for Adolfo Malnati of Cambria street, charged with selling liquor illegally, announced his decision to plead guilty. A formal plea was entered by Hoar & Fay, respondent's counsel, and Magistrate H. W. Scott continued the case for sentence until next Monday. Malnati asked permission to close up some of his business affairs before receiving sentence. The man's home was raided by officers last week and a dead client's father is employed as a dead maker by the People's Lighting, Heating & Power Co. Besides her parents, she leaves three brothers and a sister, an older sister having been deceased several years.

CHILD FATALLY HURT BY AUTO

Cecelia Skerrett, Aged Four Years, Was Struck by A. W. Badger's Car

DIED SEVERAL HOURS AFTER ACCIDENT

Witnesses Say at the Automobile Was Going Slowly

Cecelia Skerrett, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Skerrett of 8 Farwell street, died this morning a few minutes past midnight from internal injuries received when an automobile owned and operated by A. W. Badger ran over her yesterday afternoon. The child was four years and seven months old. The accident occurred around 5 o'clock near the bridge that connects Brook street with Maple avenue. Mr. Badger stopped his car immediately and took the child to her home, where Dr. W. E. Lazell was called. Although the little girl was badly bruised about the thighs and stomach, the physician's examination did not disclose any bone fractures. Indications of internal injuries, if there were any, could not be diagnosed at once.

The child seemed to brighten considerably after she was removed to the house and the fear of internal injuries was dissipated for a time. Later in the evening she began to have chills and toward midnight she sank rapidly.

Accompanying the driver in the automobile was Mrs. Badger, who with her husband was proceeding to the home of a friend on Long street. A number of women witnessed the accident and Charles M. Hawes and Ernest Fletcher, employees of the Oldsmobile Co., were also in the vicinity when the accident happened. The witnesses generally concur in the opinion that Mr. Badger was not at fault. The fact that he was driving slowly and that older children who were with the Skerrett child were negligent in crossing the street were cited as elements which tended to absolve the driver of the automobile from blame.

According to Mr. Badger, the car was moving very slowly and his statement in this respect is corroborated by Messrs. Hawes and Fletcher. As the car neared the bridge, three children who had been walking along the walk, suddenly darted into the street. One of them ran directly in the path of the car, across the highway to the other side. The second child and the Skerrett girl continued toward the opposite side of the highway and the driver of the car states that he had already brought his car almost to a halt to avoid danger of running into the first child. When the Skerrett girl and her companion stopped in the middle of the road, the older one paused for a moment and then continued across the highway. The Skerrett child, it is claimed, made as if to join the other children, only to stop suddenly, start for the side of the street whence she came and then to turn around again. Mr. Badger had started his car once more when it looked as though the road was clear and in his judgment, it is claimed, the auto was going at a rate of seven or eight miles an hour.

Before he could bring the car once more to a halt, the Skerrett child, apparently confused, was struck by the bumper. She went under one of the forward wheels. Women in a veranda at the corner of Brook and Farwell streets are of the opinion that the wheel did not pass over the child. In the driver's opinion, however, the little girl was thrown directly under the wheel, which passed over her body at the abdomen. It is thought that the rear wheel carried her along for a few feet until the auto was brought to a dead stop. The second wheel did not pass over her body, as she was under the car when the occupants alighted. The child did not lose consciousness, but appeared to be in great pain while the auto was carrying her home.

Arrangements for the funeral have not been made, as parents of the girl are awaiting a reply from their son, Harry Skerrett, who is in Massachusetts. The dead child's father is employed as a dead maker by the People's Lighting, Heating & Power Co. Besides her parents, she leaves three brothers and a sister, an older sister having been deceased several years.

THROWN TO GROUND

But Alfred Langevin, Bicyclist, Was Not Run Down By Auto.

Alfred Langevin, aged 33, a lumper employed by Herbert & Ladrie, received serious injuries this forenoon when a bicycle which he was riding came into collision with the Washington auto stage, owned by R. J. Scott. The accident occurred near the corner of Washington and Nelson streets and the presence of a team in the highway probably added to the confusion of the auto driver as well as the bicyclist when a collision seemed imminent. A physician who was called to the scene of the accident had the injured man removed to his home on Merchant street, where multiple contusions about the left side of the body and thigh were treated. It was feared that a fracture of the left arm had been sustained and a more definite diagnosis is to be made with an X-ray apparatus.

Langevin, who is a lumper by trade, had been working in the garden at the home of Joseph Ladrie on Nelson street. When he had finished his work, he started down Nelson street on the bicycle and had just swung into Washington street when he saw the auto stage approaching. Almost abreast of the auto, according to Langevin's statement, was a team headed toward East Barre. Apparently the driver of the stage was as anxious to avoid an accident as was the bicyclist, but in the confusion, bicycle and auto came together. Langevin was thrown to the ground instantly, but the car did not pass over him. His wheel was demolished.